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Think for Thyself one good thought;
And know it to be Thine own.
'Tis better than a thousand gleaned
From fields by others sown.

—ANON.

Editorials

Grover Cleveland, after all that has been said about him seems to have a true conception of the "rights of men"

We kindly request our readers to look closely at the "cuts" presented this week. They are

the work of J. J. Rollins, our reporter. It speaks well for this ambitious youth.

Steps have already been taken for a Greater Fourth of August Celebration. Let them be successfully carried out

The Purity of Our Political Systems.

In these days of apparent whole-sale rottenness in the different municipal, state and national departments of our Government, we are faced with this grave proposition—is there any element of purity and honor in our political systems?

This question would not be so pertinent, were there not so many evidences of impurities presented to negative interrogation. The Tweed regime in New York; the irregularities that have recently been uncovered in Minneapolis, St. Louis, Springfield, Ill. And the undeniable facts of legislative imperfections and dishonors as has been revealed in different state capitals, All stand as logical premises, from which, apparently, only one conclusion could be drawn, viz: There is no purity in our politics.

Should we stop here, however, our research and study of American political systems would be superficial, rather than philosophical. Therefore, we shall delve deeper into our systems of government and see if we may not find a hidden germ of purity that is gradually, but surely, coming into living realism.

The fact, that these sinful practices, are brought to light, condemned by public sentiment and punished by the courts, is the greatest evidence of moral uprightness in governmental systems that can possibly be produced.

Another element of purity, that is destined to have its bearing on the sanctity of this system, is our method and term of education. In our educational plans, may be seen higher and ennobled elements of laws, courts and legislatures. It would naturally follow that a youth, into whose character these facts are embedded, would and will spurn, with disdain, many of the already existent evils. These, and for more, are the means by which our political systems will be purified, as surely as we adhere to the teachings of Christianity and the enlightened civilization of the twentieth century.

The Importance of the Sunday-School in the Community.

Many considerations prompt us to speak of the important work of the Sunday-School in any community and the effects it has upon the character of the youth and children there-in.

Every age has its great questions of grave importance to consider, hence, we have ours. There is none graver or more difficult to man than that of properly caring for our children. This is something that is ever near the heart of all parents and also, of those, who strive to build for the future. Hence, we may speak of the Sunday School, as it effects the local life, freely, because it is one of the greatest agencies for the proper development of childhood and manhood character. We speak, because many persons, who should be interested in such work fail, to give it consideration. Many, who are connected with Sunday Schools either, officially or semi officially, think their duties to the school should be the last thing considered. That is wrong, grossly wrong. Since its beginning by Robt. Rakes, this has been one of the most efficient means of in-
ing genuine character, in the children, that the world has known.

If this be true, and we have abundant evidence to receive a neat its verity, why not join in an effort to make the Sunday School work still more effective and act accordingly.

Kuhn's free line of 4th works, fire crackers, Ro-torpedoes etc. Boom! her go for "Old Glory".

and comprehensive program of the St. Joseph Dist. Epworth League and Sunday School Convention. Pres. Thompson is a progressive man interested in the education religiously of our race. Continue, Bro. Thompson, we hope to be with you

alarming, degrading, or demoralizing, which steadily has become almost too common to provoke surprise—the transformation of marriage from a sacrament of God into a thoughtless and headlong business or social arrangement to be dissolved almost at pleasure. Six hundred and fifty-four thousand persons divorced in this country in the last twenty years! Such is the deplorable record on which the clergy are appealing for a union of all moral agencies to resist this downward rush of the multitude.

Perhaps the influence of our women with higher education may eventually throw down the powerfully entrenched citadels of those evils that come from the ill-judged excesses of the best of people. It may possibly infuse moderation into our new and admirable devotion to athletics, and rescue us from those vagaries of sport run mad that have made the foot-ball teacher more important in our universities than the professor of chemistry or of philosophy, and the record of the elder track the essential thing rather than the baccalaureate degree.

Harder task yet, it may restore sanity to our charity run mad, may teach us the infinite harm that lurks in our lazy way of riddling ourselves from each casual beggar with a careless quarter, instead of a careful inquiry, and may even after a time stay the premium we put upon crime and rankiness when we build palaces for our lunatics and our criminals and sustain them in these establishments in comfort and even luxury, far beyond the average of what the taxpayers who must meet the bills can afford for themselves. Under your guidance the moderate conclusion may in fact be reached that even for sweet charity's sake the upright, industrious farmer, the machinist or shopkeeper is not bound to house and feed the crank and the criminal better than he can his children and his wife.

Rock Candy Drip at Kuhn's
10c. per can.

A Happy Twain.

Mr. R. B. Isaacs, of Fayette, Mo., now of Kansas City, Mo., and bride—Mrs. Cora (Cooper) Isaacs, of Mexico, were the guests of Prof. H. L. Billups and wife of E. Jefferson St. Tuesday. They have recently married and were enroute to Kansas City, where they will be at home to all friends at 1015 Charlotte St.

The CONSERVATOR has known the groom to be a young man of sterling manhood. And by association with him in school and society has learned to respect and admire his many virtues.

The bride is one of Mexico's most charming and attractive belles—cultured and refined. We join Mr. and Mrs. Isaacs' in words of congratulations and anticipate for them a blissful future.

Miss Mamie Walden is very ill at the home of her father on E. Morgan, St.

Miss Annie Drummond, an ex-student of Geo. R., and Misses Turner, Drake, Brown and Thompson were the pretty and jolly party of ladies who enjoyed a few hours stay in our city last week, enroute from Jeff. City, where they attended school, to their homes at Muskogee. I. T. Mrs. Drake, also of Muskogee, was their Chaperone.

Sedalians in St. Louis and What they are doing.

Scott Joplin is still in evidence. His latest is "Cleopatra." His "Weeping Willow," "Maple leaf," "Rag," "Entertainer" and "Elite Cyncopation" can be heard in the evening on almost any Ave. The writer had the pleasure of hearing a very popular band play "Maple leaf Rag" on June 13, Derby Day at race track, a few minutes prior to the big race, and was received with tremendous applause from 15,000 people. He has also finished his rag time opera, "Guest of honor." It will be first produced Aug. 28. Sedalia will be the 4th or 5th city visited. The troupe will carry 30 people, band and orchestra. Joplin's picture, with a brief sketch of his life appeared in the Globe June 8. It was from one of America's greatest dramatic and musical critics, Rosenthal of New York. He styled him "The king of rag time writers."

Geo. Parker is with the Jessie Frinch Piano Co. J. M. Helly is on the go all the time, plastering and gets 37 1/2 cts. per hour. Those Rail-Roaders are Williams, Holmes, W. Bridges, A. Mar-
Meets 1st. and 3rd. cleaning Hy. each month. D. L. Wharden. L. W. W. Henderson Sec.

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George R. Smith College.

Rev. I. L. Lowe, D. D., Ph. D., President.

CALENDAR FOR
1903—04

Fall term opens Sept. 22, closes Dec. 11. Winter term opens Dec. 14, closes Feb. 19. Spring term opens Feb. 22, closes April 28.

The purpose of the College is to give a thorough, practical christian education. It cares for the health and physical training, provides for refined social culture, gives careful attention to morals and manners, and aims to lead the student to a personal religious life.

The work of the College is divided into six general departments.

- I. Primary and Grammar Grades, providing a thorough drill in the elementary branches.
- II. Academy or College Preparatory, with Classical, Scientific, Biblical English, Normal and Commercial courses.
- III. Art Department—Drawing, Painting and Decorative work.
- IV. Music Department—Vocal and Instrumental Music, Theory and Harmony.
- V. Industrial Department—Sewing, Dressmaking, Cooking, Domestic Economy, Mechanical Arts, Agriculture.
- VI. College of Liberal Arts—Complete elective courses leading to the several academic degrees.

The Geo. R. Smith College is one of the institutions of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society, and among the ten of College grade. It is the only first class Christian College for the Negro in the state and most easily accessible for those living in Kansas, Oklahoma, Indian Territory and parts of Arkansas and other states, on account of its excellent railroad facilities.

Sedalia, the seat of the College is an enterprising city of over 15,000 inhabitants. It is well governed, the people are liberal and well disposed, and the church and library privileges are of the best.

The College is located within a few minutes walk of either the Mo. Pacific or the "Katy" depots. The farm consisting of 28 acres has been newly fenced and is now in thorough cultivation. This year it is being largely given to garden truck and promises a good supply of fresh home grown vegetables for the ensuing year. A part has been set the past season with small fruits which will come into bearing next year.

In the midst of a beautiful lawn surrounded by drives and flower gardens the College building is situated. It one of the finest structures of its kind, built of brick with brown stone trimmings. It contains 62 rooms, including chapel, study hall, recitation rooms, dormitories, lavatories, offices, public parlor, President's suite, dining room, kitchen, store rooms and laundry. These are fittingly furnished and all well adapted for their intended use. A number of the rooms have been newly papered and present a very attractive appearance. The whole building is heated with steam and in the coldest weather is thoroughly comfortable. For students boarding in the building it is made as homely as possible.

Teachers and students eat together in the large, well kept dining hall. Young ladies and gentlemen sit opposite each other at table and plenty of time is given for social exchange, an occasional social visit and faculty associate freely to the relations are most cordial.

Expenses.

Board and room for four Weeks \$8.00
Tuition — — — — 2.00
Use of laundry — — — — .50
Music, Instrumental or Vocal for four weeks, two lessons per week — \$2.50
One lesson per week — — — 1.50
Use of instrument per month — .50
Use of typewriter in Commercial department, per month — — .50

Rooms are lighted, heated, furnished with bedsteads, mattress, pillows, two quilts, mirrors, bowl pitcher and lamp. Students furnish for themselves, sheets and pillow cases, extra quilt and blankets, slop bucket, lamp chimneys, matches, soap etc.

A reduction of 50c per month is made from the tuition of candidates for the Ministry, and children of Ministers.

All bills are payable in advance the first of each school month. Money for students' expenses should be sent directly to the President of the College. Send by draft, P. O. order, express order or registered letter to—

Pres. I. L. Lowe,
Sedalia, Mo.

Work and Self-help.

A number of students boarding in the College are permitted to earn some part of their expenses by work in the building or on the grounds, provided they are willing and efficient. Liberal pay is allowed for all work done, but employment will not be continued to those who fail to do their work satisfactorily. Most students earn in this way \$2.00 a month; some earn larger amounts. Application for work should be made to the President in advance of coming.

A large number of students find employment in homes in the city, sufficient to meet expenses of board and tuition. The call for young ladies for these positions is always greater than the supply. Application for such employment should be made in advance through the President of the College.

As far as possible we endeavor to safeguard those working in the city, but cannot be fully responsible for those outside the building. Only young men and women of established habits and character can be allowed this privilege of out side residence.

In case of minors this may be granted only on the written request of parents or guardians.

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